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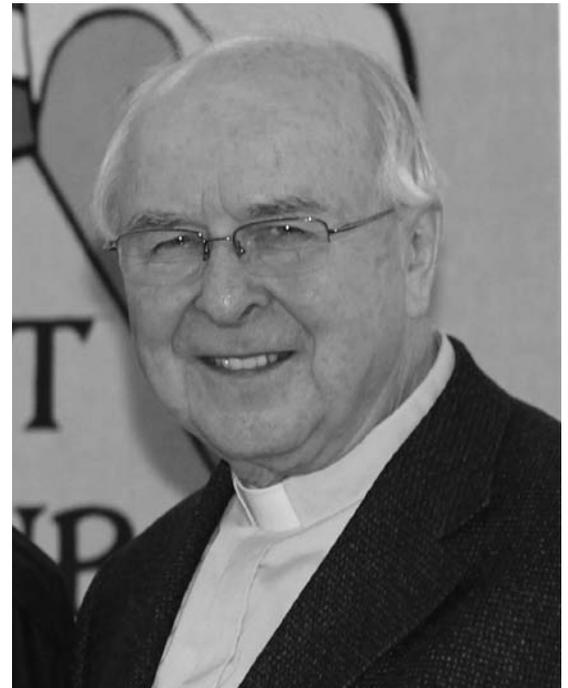


Challenge Accepted

In Exodus 17, we read about the Israelites being attacked by the Amalekites en route to the Promised Land. As Joshua led the Israelites troops in their defensive battle, Moses stood on top of a hill with the staff of God in his hand. As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered them, the Amalekites were winning. When Moses' hands grew tired, Aaron and Hur held them up so that they remained steady until sunset. Thus, the Israelites won the battle.

I thought about this Old Testament episode as we experienced the tremendous support these past two months for our Challenge initiative. I was over-awed initially when several loyal supporters willingly came forward to contribute \$80,000 to set the stage for the challenge. And my amazement grew as I saw the financial response to the challenge – some of it in smaller denominations; much of it in four and five figures. Gifts of love arrived daily from Vancouver Island to Newfoundland. All of it coming out of love for the Saviour and His concern that shepherds be prepared to care for the flock of God and to preach the saving Gospel to a world which is lost in darkness.

To all of you who participated financially with your special gifts, a sincere thank you in the name of our Lord! As we come to the end of this initiative, we are pleased to announce that the grand total is \$280,000 which is designated for



the operation of the seminary. Through your gifts and your prayers for us, you, like Aaron and Hur, are holding up the hands of those of us who serve on your behalf at your seminary.

May God bless you richly! You have been a blessing, not just to the seminary but to your church!

Your Servant for Jesus' Sake,

Dr. Norman J. Threinen
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“My true son in the faith.” 1 TIMOTHY 1:2

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 31 & 31

MDiv Students' Retreat

September 3

Labour Day/Office Closed

September 4

First day of
Short Term 1 Classes

September 4 to 7

1st Year MDiv
Student Orientation

September 7 & 8

Board of Regent Meeting

September 9

Opening Service
for Academic Year
at King of Kings Lutheran
Church, St. Albert,
Preacher: Rev. Ted Giese

September 10

Founders' Day

September 17

First Day of Semester 1



STEPHEN BARTLETT

Hometown: Dawson Creek, British Columbia

Stephen, may God bless you as you, in your kind and gentle way come alongside of God's precious people and share God's love for them in Jesus Christ. God has blessed you with the gift of joy and of laughter, may he bless you and use your gifts to remind those who grieve and who sorrow over their sins, "the joy of the Lord is your strength." (Neh. 8:10).

Professor Jonathan Kraemer

Placement:

*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church/
Zion Lutheran Church*

Hudson Bay/Mistatim, Saskatchewan



DARREN DRESSLER

Hometown: Regina, Saskatchewan

Darren, the Lord has given you great gifts of learning and insight. You have been cultivating these gifts, not only to your own profit here at the seminary but also as a blessing to Christ's people during this year of vicarage. May you continue to blend scholarship and pastoral care, mind and heart, throughout your ministry at Shepherd of the Hills in Airdrie. "He who calls you is faithful – and he will do it." (1 Thess 5:24)
Dr. Stephen Chambers

Placement:

*Shepherd of The Hills Lutheran Church
Airdrie, Alberta*



MICHAEL MONTAGUE

Hometown: Dryden, Ontario

Michael, the Apostle Paul said "I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some." (1Cor 9:22) You have that gift of connecting with people, no matter what the age or background. May God bless you as you use that gift as you make every effort to share the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ with those who have called you and the whole community.

Professor Jonathan Kraemer

Placement:

*Christ Lutheran Church
Red Lake, Ontario*

Did You Know...

recruitment and training for pastoral ministry, which used to be the main purpose of CUCA, is now provided by Concordia Lutheran Seminary on the same campus?



RODNEY AND TAMMY PARKER

Hometown: Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

Rod, God has given you wonderful gifts for service in His Kingdom. He has given you a compassionate heart and sensitive spirit, gifts which will enable you to serve the people of Grace Lutheran Church in Saskatoon quite well. May God bless you and Tammy in your endeavours there, as He has promised all of His servants.

Dr. Edward Kettner

Placement:

*Grace Lutheran Church
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan*



TIMOTHY AND KRISTIN SCHNEIDER

Hometown: Calgary, Alberta

Tim, God has given you a love for the Gospel and a heart for its proclamation. These are gifts which will make you a faithful servant of Christ and His people. May God bless you and Kristin in your service to God and His Gospel among the people of Trinity Lutheran Church, Golden, BC.

Dr. Edward Kettner

Placement:

*Trinity Lutheran Church
Golden, British Columbia*

VICARAGE PLACEMENT

*Rolande Starke –
Trinity Lutheran Church
Abbotsford, BC*

Adopt-a-Student

Every year, a handful of congregations, LWML groups, and individuals take advantage of the opportunity to connect with, and tangibly support, a seminarian through the Adopt-a-Student program. Some groups commit to the program for a year at a time, some have been at it for over a decade. Of course, many groups send in financial support and care packages, but when you ask the students why the Adopt-a-Student program is important to them, you start to sense a theme in their answers.

“Prayer is number one for me,” says Steve Hoffman, “Knowing there are people all across the country praying ...is a huge comfort.” Keith Hoveland says, “It is so very comforting

for both Carole and I to know that we have people out in our church family praying for us and supporting us in so many ways.”

Rod Parker, Aaron Astley, and Vince Moore were all quick to mention invites to serve as a guest preacher at their Adopt-a-Student congregations. Vince says “ I have been invited to guest preach at one congregation in particular and it has led to a great relationship between the congregation and myself.”

For more information to begin or continue participating in the Adopt-a-Student program in the 2012-2013 school year go online to: www.concordiasem.ab.ca/enrolment/adopt_a_student.php

CORRECTION

In the Winter Newsletter article, Prayers Answered!, we inadvertently excluded Rev. Ward Stewart as also being a Lloydminster graduate of CLS. Please accept our apologies for this oversight.

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*So let each one give
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heart, not grudgingly
or of necessity; for God
loves a cheerful giver.*

2 Corinthians 9:7

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